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SUBJECT: MIRV VERIFICATION (SALT TWO-930)

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1. IN TODAY'S STATEMENT I WILL TABLE NEW MIRV VERIFICATION
PROPOSAL, CONSISTING OF FOUR ELEMENTS AS FOLLOWS:

(A) DEFINITION OF MIRV'ED MISSILE (PARA 6 OF ARTICLE II);

(B) "LAUNCHERS OF" LANGUAGE IN PARA 1 OF ARTICLE V;

(C) AGREED STATEMENT WHEREIN PARTIES AGREE THAT

--"LAUNCHERS OF" MIRV'ED MISSILES INCLUDE A LAUNCHER
IF A LAUNCHER OF THAT TYPE HAS CONTAINED OR LAUNCHED
A MIRV'ED MISSILE, AND

--FACT THAT PRESENCE OF MIRV'ED MISSILES OR SUPPORT EQUIPMENT
AT OR IN THE VICINITY OF A LAUNCHER "COULD SUPPORT CONCLUSION
LAUNCHER HAS CONTAINED OR LAUNCHED A MIRV'ED MISSILE;"

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(D) AGREED STATEMENT PROPOSING THAT EACH SIDE LIST CURRENT MIRV'ED NONMIRV'ED LAUNCHERS. IN THIS CONNECTION I WILL NAME TYPES OF U.S. LAUNCHERS WILL BE LISTED BY U.S.

2. IF SOVIETS ACCEPT THIS PACKAGE, U.S. WOULD WITHDRAW PARAGRAPH 3 OF ARTICLE V AND PROTOCOL OF MARCH 5, 1975.

3. "LAUNCHERS OF" (VICE "LAUNCHERS FOR") LANGUAGE CONSISTENT WITH DELEGATION APPROACH FOR ICBM DEFINITION.

4. IN MY EXPLANATION OF AGREED STATEMENT ON "LAUNCHERS OF," I WILL MAKE CLEAR THAT EFFECT IS A "LAUNCHER TYPE" MIRV COUNTING RULE FOR BOTH ICBMS AND SLBMS. GIVEN THE CLASS RULE PROPOSED IN 1(C) ABOVE, I WILL NOT AT THIS TIME PROPOSE BRINGING FORTH PARA 2 OF PROTOCOL BUT RATHER I WILL FURTHER NOTE THAT DURING CONSIDERATION OF THIS PROPOSAL SIDES CAN DISCUSS RULES AND PROCEDURES THAT MAY BE NEEDED TO ESTABLISH THE POINT IN TIME WHEN CERTAIN LAUNCHERS BECOME LAUNCHERS OF A TYPE CONSIDERED MIRV'ED. IT WILL THUS REMAIN OPEN TO THE SIDES TO RAISE QUESTIONS ADDRESSED BY PARA 2 OF PROTOCOL AND ALSO TO NEGOTIATE POSSIBLE EXCEPTIONS TO "LAUNCHER TYPE" RULE, SUCH AS PHASED COUNTING FOR SLBMS.

5. I WILL PRECEDE MIRV VERIFICATION STATEMENT WITH STATEMENT ON ICBM LAUNCHER DEFINITION, INCLUDING AGREED STATEMENT ON "LAUNCHERS OF" ICBMS CONSISTENT WITH PARA 1(C) ABOVE. JOHNSON

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